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SUBJECT: BULGARIA: WILL ATTEND THE FIFTH GLOBAL INITIATIVE
MEETING IN JUNE 2009

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Polec officer, Dutch DCM, and Russian Counselor delivered reftel invitation to Bulgarian MFA Petio Petev, Director of the NATO and the International Security Directive. Mr. Petev praised the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (CICNT), explaining that he led the Bulgarian delegation to last year's meeting held in Spain. He stated that it was one of the most impressive joint global initiatives in the past decade, and praised both President Bush and PM Putin for their work. Petev said that Bulgaria will send a delegation to The Hague for this year's meeting, although it is too early to name delegation members. Petev added that Bulgaria has encouraged other "regional neighbors" (not giving specific names) to join.

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